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Mr. F. Moran McConihe
Commissioner of Public Buildings
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McConihe:

We have reviewed the abstract of the bids for the Excavation and Foundation work which was referred to us by Mr. A. I. Van Vranken's letter of September 19, 1958. As you know, during the past week, we have also discussed these bids with representatives of both your service and the Architect-Engineer. I understand, as a result of these discussions, that agreement has been reached as follows:

1. Some considerable savings of time in the completion of our project could be made by awarding the Excavation and Foundation Contract in advance of the contract for the superstructure.
2. The low bid for the Excavation and Foundation work is considered reasonable.
3. Particular attention will be given the Architect-Engineer suggestion that adequate and strict supervision be exercised in all phases of this contract including testing of materials, etc.
4. The necessary alternates can and will be included in the bidding for the superstructure to insure the award of a Construction Contract for the remainder of the project.

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In the event that the above provisions are acceptable, the contract may be executed by the Public Buildings Service and the Roscoe Engineering Corp., Ajax Construction Co., Inc., & Associates, 1107 19th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. without further formal referral to this agency. Funds available in your office in connection with the Excavation and Foundation Contract will be subject to the usual budgetary controls. Representatives of our Comptroller have therefore contacted your representative to clarify any problems involved.

Sincerely,

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L. K. White
Deputy Director

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